

Section 1. Section 12.10 is added to Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City of Milpitas Municipal Code, to read:

**Section II-1-12.10          Post Disaster Safety Assessment Placards.**

Following each natural or manmade disaster the Chief Building Official or his or her authorized representatives shall have the authority to enter onto property and to post an appropriate placard at each entry point to all buildings and structures of all occupancies regulated by the City upon completion of a safety assessment. The following are verbal descriptions of the placards to be used to designate the condition for continued occupancy of buildings or structures after a disaster.

1. **INSPECTED** – Lawful Occupancy Permitted is to be posted on any building or structure wherein no apparent structural hazard has been found. This placard is not intended to mean that there is no damage to the building or structure.
2. **RESTRICTED USE** is to be posted on each building or structure that has been damaged wherein the damage has resulted in some form of restriction to the continued occupancy. The individual who posts this placard will note in general terms of the type of damage encountered and will clearly and concisely note the restrictions on continued occupancy.
3. **UNSAFE – Do Not Enter or Occupy** is to be posted on each building or structure that has been damaged such that continued occupancy poses a threat to life safety. Buildings or structures posted with this placard shall not be entered under any circumstance except as authorized in writing by the department that posted the building. Safety assessment teams shall be authorized to enter these buildings at any time. This placard is not to be used or considered as a demolition order. The individual who posts this placard will note in general terms the type of damage encountered.

Each placard shall also include this ordinance number, City of Milpitas Building Inspection, address, and phone number. Once the placard has been attached to a building or structure, it is not to be removed, altered or covered until done so by an authorized representative of the Chief Building Official or upon written notification from the City.